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OFFICIAL MARINE CORPS PHOTO

An AV-8B Harrier of Marine Attack Squadron-311 lands on the flight deck of the USS Tarawa (LHA-1) during the unit's last deployment with a MEU. The squadron recently teamed up with the 31st MEU's Aviation Combat Element and began their first deployment in 18 months.

# Tomcats support 31st MEU

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COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

**KADENA AIR BASE** — Marine Attack Squadron (VMA)-311, currently deployed to Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan, from MCAS Yuma, Ariz., as part of the Unit Deployment Program, recently landed on Kadena Air Base to support the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit's training.

The AV-8B squadron, known as the Tomcats, will support the MEU by providing close-air support to ground forces. The squadron also provides short-range interdiction, deck launched intercept, fighter escort and combat air patrol. With this combined support, the squadron can fly offensive missions against enemy ground and air defenses.

The Harrier's mission gives the 31st MEU an advantage with their vertical liftoff and landing. The Harrier's distinctive liftoff and landing action allows the squadron to execute quick attacks on the enemy

in front and behind the line of fire.

"Our presence here with the MEU gives us the opportunity to be an integral part of this deployment," said Chief Warrant Officer Brent L. English, maintenance material control officer, VMA-311, Marine Aircraft Group-12, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing. "Our presence is vital because of the unique weapons and special attack capability we have. Without us, the MEU would be less effective."

English also said the squadron adds an offensive air capability to the MEU.

"The ability of our squadron makes us a force to be reckoned with," said Sgt. Roberto J. Rios, supply clerk, Marine Aviation Logistic Squadron-12, 1st MAW. "Our attack and defense strategies are valuable to the MEU, and we want to do everything we can to support them and their mission. We know exactly what needs to be done."

One mission of the squadron, while on island, is to set up and

completely execute a Forward Arming and Refueling Point. This allows the squadron to have a halfway point between a target and landing point.

"I am excited about setting up the FARP site because it allows us to reload our guns and fuel without clogging up the deck of the ship," English said. "This will give us a tremendous opportunity to execute a well-planned attack on the enemy."

The Tomcats trained for the mission by preparing its maintenance and air attack unit. To accomplish training, maintenance crews attended quality assurance and maintenance control classes, while pilots attended weapons and tactics classes.

"We can always make our squadron better if we continue training" English said. "Our ultimate goal is to have fully trained and experienced Marines who love the mission they are tasked to do."

The Tomcats plan to support the 31st MEU until January and then return to MCAS Yuma.

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# Ecstasy: today's high, tomorrow's low

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COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

**CAMP FOSTER** — A service member, named Chris, invites his roommate, Kevin, to his favorite dance club to celebrate his new promotion. Upon arrival, Kevin notices Chris talking to the bouncer, but pays no attention. The music is loud and everyone seems to be having a great time.

Later on in the evening, Kevin notices that Chris has danced for hours, nonstop. With an exhausted look on his face, Chris comes to Kevin and says his heart feels like it will explode any minute. Chris then falls to the floor. Luckily, Kevin is able to get in touch with paramedics in time to save him. The next day at the hospital, the doctors inform Kevin that Chris suffered from dehydration due to an overdose of an increasingly popular drug, Ecstasy.

Ecstasy, or Methyline Dioximethamphetamine, is a drug that stimulates the central nervous system by increasing the amount of serotonin released in the brain. In return, it leaves the user with a feeling of euphoria, cheerfulness, relaxation and closeness to others.

The drug, sometimes referred to as hallucinogenic, compares to lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD), mescaline and phencyclidine (PCP). Although ecstasy is not as strong as most hallucinogens, the effects are similar.

Ecstasy comes in a variety of colored tablets, but is also found as a powder, which users sometimes snort or smoke. Names of the drug include "X, Clarity, Hug Drug, Essence and Adam."

Unfortunately, service members believe the drug is safe because its effects wear off in a couple of hours, and it passes through the body in about 48 hours. But the drug is far from safe, because the after effects of ecstasy use can last for years, even after use has stopped.



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Ecstasy is an increasingly popular drug in the military. It is found in many forms including colored tablets, capsules and powder. Some service members feel ecstasy is safe, but it is illegal and the side effects make the drug very dangerous.

"Ecstasy is nothing for anyone to experiment with because of the dangers associated with the drug," said Chris Cote, supervisory special agent, Naval Criminal Investigative Service, Okinawa. "Some service members are blind to the fact that ecstasy can cause serious damage to their body."

Psychological and physical effects of the drug include confusion, nausea, anxiety, sleeping problems, increased heart rate and paranoia. Because the drug affects serotonin in the brain, which controls mood, sleep and appetite, heavy use of the drug can also lead to memory loss and depression.

The drug also allows users to dance for hours. In a rave environment, which is sometimes hot and over crowded, ecstasy can lead to dehydration, heart and kidney failure.

Another dangerous after effect of the drug that service members neglect is a ruined military career from getting convicted for possession or use of the drug. The military uses random drug tests, drug education and investigations to fight the rising popularity of ecstasy. If convicted, conse-

quences range from pay deduction and confinement to court-martial and a bad-conduct discharge.

"I don't believe some service members understand the severity of consequences they will receive if convicted on a drug charge," Cote expressed. "It just doesn't make sense why service members would run the risk of ruining their career and lives for a few hours of activity."

Department of Defense officials reported over 1,000 cases of ecstasy use in Fiscal Year 2000. That amount is 12 times the amount it was two years ago, according to a recent article published in USA Today.

Service members can attain the drug with little or no difficulty because of the increasing popularity of dance clubs and raves around military installations.

One service member feels ecstasy dealers intentionally target the military because the drug is easy to transport.

"It's an easy sell for ecstasy dealers because of so many service members being outside of military bases. Especially on a payday weekend," said Pfc. Thomas D. Walsh, stinger gunner, 1st Stinger Battery, Marine Aircraft Group-18, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing. "Dealers know when we get paid, and they know service members will be looking for a good time."

Whether dealers target service members or not, the military has a zero tolerance for drug use. Service members can do their part to help keep each other drug free by educating and looking out for one another.

"We need for service members everywhere to be aware of the dangers of ecstasy in the military," Cote concluded. "Drugs have no place in society and especially no place in the military."

For more information about ecstasy, or to report ecstasy use, contact NCIS at 645-0221.

## Support Marines become jacks-of-all-trades at Ojoihara

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COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

**OJOJIHARA, Japan** — The Marines of Combat Service Support Detachment-32 and Headquarters Battery, 3rd Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment have proven themselves an essential part in the success of India Battery, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment's artillery training here.

Instead of loading 155mm rounds into a howitzer or calling for fire missions, CSSD-32 and Headquarters Battery Marines load B-Rations into Humvees while the mechanics call for extra parts for the units' machinery. Just like the Marines in the field, the support Marines have to overcome obstacles and work towards the successful completion of the exercise.

Combat Service Support Detachment-32 encompasses Motor Transport, Explosive Ordnance Disposal, Engineer Support Detachment, generator mechanics, ammo technicians and some messhall Marines. With the 3/11, 3/12 and the CSSD-32 Marines working together, a circle is formed and training can be successfully and efficiently completed, according to Cpl. Jennifer E. Roberts, motor transport mechanic, CSSD-32, even if it takes a little creativity from time to time.

"While the Marines practice out there, we continue to support them in every way possible back here," Roberts said. "Sometimes jobs that would be easy back in Okinawa are made more difficult out here in the field environment. We don't have the facilities or power tools we are used to in Okinawa while we are out here in Ojoihara. Even though it's challenging, we have still been able to overcome these challenges in order to accomplish our mission and help the 3/11 Marines accomplish theirs."

The Marines of CSSD also have found themselves holding additional duties and billets while still filling their regular jobs.

"A good example of the Marines doing odd jobs around here is boiler watch," Roberts said. "Boiler watch is when the Marine watches the thermostat for the hot water tanks in order to make sure it doesn't exceed the limit. The Marines are also performing ammo guard at the armory, which the Marines set up between the two living quarters. We fill in wherever we can be of support."

Over at the messhall, the Marines working inside are enjoying the support and facilities as they support the rest of the unit. While the Marines who have remained back at the main camp enjoy sharing meals with each other, the battery Marines are able to enjoy hot meals even out in the field, according to Sgt. Sean C. McQueen, messhall chief, Headquarters Battery, 3/12, with CSSD Marines working under him.

"It's a great building with awesome facilities that benefits us all," McQueen said. "The Japanese have provided us with food items and equipment,

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- Pfc. Anthony L. Logan

which allows us to cook warm rations. We are then able to transport some of those rations out to the Marines in the field, ensuring they get hot morning and evening meals.

"I also have four cooks and five messmen which support the 213 Marines participating in the exercise," added McQueen. "Two of those cooks are actually working in their regular MOS, and the other Marines have been assigned to us from other sections within the

CSSD. Even though they're not doing their regular jobs, they're still doing great over here and really making a difference for the rest of the Marines."

When one of the howitzers fails, and the battery Marines are unable to complete their mission, the gun is quickly transported back to the rear, where it is up to the mechanics to fix the weapon. If the gun cannot be repaired quickly, then the schedule can fall apart, seriously hampering the outcome of the exercise, according to PFC Anthony L. Logan, howitzer mechanic, CSSD-32, attached to 3/12.

Not only does this test the mechanic Marines under pressure, but it also tests their ability to perform under a real-life combat situation, according to Logan.

"When the gun crews bring us a broken gun, and tell us they need it repaired in one hour, we fix it and get it back to them in one hour," PFC Logan said. "Back in Okinawa, we usually only make minor repairs, and when we do, we are usually told what the problem is and how to fix it by a Staff Noncommissioned Officer. Out here in the field though, we are fixing real-life problems and expected to do everything on our own, just like in real combat. I enjoy and invite the opportunity to prove my abilities."



# Sailors, Marines return from Yap

STORY AND PHOTOS BY GUNNERY SGT. MATT HEVEZI  
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**CAMP FOSTER** — Sailors and Marines who deployed to Yap to provide medical support during the Federated States of Micronesia Games returned to Okinawa recently with a strong sense of mission accomplishment, said Col. Charles T. Hayes, detachment commander for the Yap mission.

The team of 21 sailors and 18 Marines left Okinawa July 17 aboard four KC-130 Hercules transport aircraft from VMGR-152 at Marine Corps Air Station Futenma for the four-hour flight to Yap. To accomplish their mission in Yap, the team brought tents, medical supplies, generators, water purification units, food, water and three high mobility, multi-wheeled vehicles.

On board with the equipment and supplies were Marines with special skills including an electrician, heavy equipment mechanic, motor transport operators, a water purification specialist and other support personnel.

For the medical side, the Navy brought corpsmen, an optometrist, dentist, flight surgeon and two other medical officers.

During the games, Navy corpsmen and doctors treated 69 athletes who sustained injuries such as heat exhaustion, muscle cramps, lacerations, sprains, twists and other sports-related injuries, said Chief Petty Officer Jonathan Sotingco, a corpsman assigned to 3rd Force Service Support Group who served as the senior corpsman in Yap.

Corpsmen and doctors also treated Yap citizens at the state hospital, providing 73 basic eye exams and 22 dental screenings.

Hayes said the work completed by the sailors and Marines was critical to the games' success and the goal of making friends and spreading "good will" in the region.

"I talked to the governor and lieutenant governor of Yap, and they told me they were very happy and very pleased with the effort of the Marines and Sailors who supported the games," Hayes said.

"They said they did not think the games could have been accomplished without the Marines and Sailors who came down and provided the service that we did," he said.

In a conversation with the lieutenant governor of one of Yap's sister states, Pohnpei, Hayes said Pohnpei officials were so impressed by the service members' work that they invited the Marines and Sailors to their island next summer to conduct a similar medical support exercise

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he set up at the state hospital in Yap. Most of his patients were young children.

"In a way it was disheartening that we didn't have more time or better facilities to treat them. There is a lot more work that can be done in Yap," he said.

The FSM Games are Micronesia's version of the Olympic Games and attracted more than 800 athletes and thousands of spectators from the four states of FSM: Yap, Pohnpei, Chuuk and Kosrae.

The Marines and sailors who served on the Yap detachment were from III Marine Expeditionary Force units of 3rd Force Service Support Group, 3rd Marine Division, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing and the U.S. Naval Hospital, Okinawa.



Seaman Michael G. Jones, a corpsman assigned to U.S. Naval Hospital, Okinawa, applies pressure to a head wound of Pohnpei midfielder, Alterino Helgenberger, July 25 in Yap. Helgenberger suffered the gash during a semifinal match against Chuuk. His team lost 2-1, and Chuuk advanced to face Yap for the gold medal. Sailors and Marines from III Marine Expeditionary Force units were in Yap, Federated States of Micronesia, to practice their field medical skills during the Federated States of Micronesia Games July 22-31.

during a sporting event there.

Besides the hands-on experience gained during exercises like the one in Yap, the personnel gain new perspectives on their own lives, according to Sotingco.

"They gain a different view from a remote site like Yap," Sotingco said. "Many of the corpsmen, especially the younger ones, appreciate more of what they have here at a place like Okinawa."

Navy Lt. David L. Simmons, a dentist assigned to Camp Hansen's dental clinic who pulled 27 abscessed teeth in Yap, said he only wishes more could be done for many cases he saw.

"As a dentist, one of the first things we look at is people's teeth," Simmons said. "It is very hard to forget the appearance of their teeth."

Most residents in Yap chew a small almond-sized nut called betel nut which creates dark red staining on the teeth. It grows on palms in Yap and is used widely by both men and women in a way similar to chewing tobacco.

"Some patients had too much work to tackle for the amount of time we had over there," Simmons said, who treated patients at a clinic



Yap sprinter Elizabeth Leelung receives treatment from Navy corpsman Petty Officer 1st Class Jennifer S. Thomas inside one of the medical aid tents set up by the Sailors and Marines during the games. Leelung collapsed from heat exhaustion after the 4x400 relay and had to be helped to the tent by the Navy medical team.



Navy Lt. Valerie S. Strang, a flight surgeon assigned to VMGR-152, removes sutures from Pohnpei soccer defenseman Loster Sultan's knee July 28 inside a medical tent at the Federated States of Micronesia Games in Yap.



# Marine receives 2001 Elihu Rose Award

GUNNERY SGT. TERENCE R. PECK  
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

**CAMP HANSEN** — A Staff Noncommissioned Officer Academy instructor was recognized as Marine Corps University's most outstanding educator here recently.

Gunnery Sgt. Walter C. Baldwin, chief instructor, Sergeant's Course, SNCOA was presented The 2001 Elihu Rose Award for Enlisted Primary Military Education by former Commanding General of Marine Corps Base, Brig. Gen. Willie J. Williams.

The Rose Award was established in 1993 to recognize instructors who are the best educators and make a significant impact on Marine Corps education efforts.

In coordination with Marine Corps University Foundation, the Marine Corps University receives nominations from each of its eight schools.

Receiving the award was an honor for Baldwin, who joined the Marine Corps in 1983.

"Just being a finalist was amazing," Baldwin said. "It shows that I am doing something right, and that I am not totally out to lunch or in left field."

For Baldwin, teaching has always been a part of his Marine Corps life.

"I've been teaching since I was a young NCO," Baldwin said. "It's all I have done my whole career."

Baldwin taught his Marines classes ranging from weapons systems and their employment to opening a bank account.

The best part of teaching for Baldwin is the interaction he has with the students.

"I probably learn as much from some of the students as they hopefully learn from what I'm putting out," he said. "I try to get everyone's knowledge into the class."

Okinawa is a good place to teach because of the real world operations that occur here, according to Baldwin.

"Every class that we teach, we can tie it to some real world operation," Baldwin said. "Especially at the advance course, we can have someone who was either on that operation or supporting it."

In teaching his students, Baldwin hopes that they come away with more overall knowledge of the Marine Corps.

"I teach warfighting, and a lot of students who roll through here are from the support side of the house," he said. "Maybe they can have a better appreciation of what they are actually supporting and how important their support is."

Baldwin has drawn much of his teaching style from many different people over his career.

"There are a lot of people that I've gotten ideas and ways of doing things from," Baldwin said. "The common trends from all of them were be yourself, know your job, demand and expect perfection and never lower the standard you set for yourself or your Marines."

He also said it taught him to allow his Marines to make mistakes because they will learn from them.

"All these individuals were unique, but they took care of their Marines, taught their Marines and helped make their units and Marines in their care better."

For Baldwin, teaching in a military environment presents a different challenge than that of civilian schools.

"We have some of the same challenges, but they are developing younger minds, opening the whole world to them," he said.

The challenge Baldwin sees for the military and civilian schools involve teaching people from diverse backgrounds.

"We have people from all walks of life, education and comprehension levels," he said. "To be effective, we have to present the information so that everyone understands it without being bored."

To overcome the challenge of teaching a diverse student body, Baldwin believes in getting the entire class involved in the teaching.

"Even in a formal classroom setting, you can still take parts of the outline and use it as a guided discussion, touching on current and past operations the Marines have been on or supported. With the kids, you try to tie it into their world experiences; what is going on in the news or community."



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In addition to teaching a diverse student body, Baldwin must teach Marines who have been around awhile.

"If I can get something, put one new idea out there, or give one tidbit of information that they didn't know, then I did my job," he continued. "They focus on their MOSs. The hardest thing here is to get them out of their tunnel vision. But if I gave them some knowledge to better understand the Marine Corps as a whole, or gave them a new idea or made them stop, pause and think, then I have accomplished something."

Having a good character and credibility are important assets as an instructor, according to Sgt. Maj. Michael O. White, director, SNCOA, MCB, Okinawa.

"Gunnery Sgt. Baldwin is a man of good character," White said. "Whenever he's on the platform, his students respond with eyes and ears wide opened. They know that their period of instruction from him is genuine and sincere and that he is teaching the right thing."

Baldwin, who has taken one year of college so far, plans to get a degree and become a teacher in the future.

## 3rd Mar. Div. Sailors receive retention award

SGT. STEPHEN L. STANDIFIRD  
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

**CAMP COURTNEY** — Admiral Thomas B. Fargo, Commander in Chief Pacific Fleet, presented the Commander In Chief Pacific Fleet Retention Excellence Award to 3rd Marine Division for the work the Navy command career counselors did in their retention goals for the Sailors of the Division.

The Retention Excellence Award is for commands that sustain superior levels of retention.

The 2000 retention excellence award was based upon overall retention statistics derived from the enlisted master file. This is the second year in a row that 3rd Mar. Div. has received the award.

"It's a recognition of the mission profile of the division and the excellent program that the senior Navy officials and the retention chief petty officers manage on behalf of all the Sailors and Navy officers in the Division," said Lt. Gen.

Wallace C. Gregson, III Marine Expeditionary Force and former Commanding General of 3rd Mar. Div., who accepted the award on behalf of the Division. "We'd like to retain every deserving sailor that we can."

Fargo talked about the importance of retention and how difficult the mission of retention is in his speech during the presentation ceremony.

"I looked at all your numbers coming out here and you've done a fabulous job out here, in terms of building the right climate as well as meeting your operational concerns, and that is probably the key to our success in retention," he said.

"This is an important mission. Now we recognize that if you are going to protect America's interest through the four corners of the earth that you've got to do it on the front lines."

All the Sailors are responsible for the award, according to the 3rd Mar. Div. command career counselor, Chief Petty Officer Jack B. Bosma.

"It's a reflection of the measurements that we are doing our job as command career counselors and not just as career counselors, but as the whole chief community in the division who are responsible as a whole in advertising and informing the subordinates of the opportunities in the Navy," he said. "This is just a reflection that we have well in-

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Chief Petty Officers David W. Hosmer and Bosma shared the responsibilities of command career counselors through the award year and agree it's the Sailors' award.

"It's the Sailors' award," Hosmer said. "All I did was take a dream from these guys and help them make it a reality."

In his job, Hosmer was amazed at how the corpsmen who are assigned to Marine units love to stay with them and receive advanced training.

"These guys are more than happy to get the additional training and use it to the benefit of the Marines," he said.

Fargo credited the retention excellence to the strength of the Navy and Marine Corps team. "Obviously the Navy and Marine Corps team out here is tremendously strong," he said.



## NJP REPORT

The following are alcohol-related nonjudicial punishments for Aug. 12 - 18.

### • Underage drinking

A private first class with Marine Aircraft Group-12, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, was found guilty at a squadron-level NJP of underage drinking. Punishment: reduction to E-1, forfeiture of \$521 pay per month for two months and restriction/extra duty for 30 days.

A lance corporal with Materiel Readiness Battalion, 3rd Force Service Support Group, was found guilty at a battalion-level NJP of underage drinking. Punishment: reduction to E-2, forfeiture of \$584 pay per month for two months and restriction/extra duty for 45 days.

A lance corporal with MAG-12 was found guilty at a squadron-level NJP of underage drinking. Punishment: reduction to E-2, forfeiture of \$584 pay per month for two months and restriction/extra duty for 45 days.

### • Underage drinking and drunk and disorderly

A private first class with Support Company, Camp Fuji, was found guilty at a battalion-level NJP of underage drinking and of being drunk and disorderly. Punishment: reduction to E-1, forfeiture of \$482 pay per month for two months and restriction for 60 days.

### • Underage drinking and drunkenness

A lance corporal with 7th Communication Battalion, III Marine Expeditionary Force, was found guilty at a battalion-level NJP of underage drinking and drunkenness. Punishment: reduction to E-2, forfeiture of \$584 pay per month for two months and restriction/extra duty for 45 days.

### • Violation of a lawful order

A private first class with MRB, 3rd FSSG, was found guilty at a company-level NJP of violating a lawful order, to wit: possession of alcoholic beverages when ordered by a medical officer and the MRB commanding officer not to consume alcohol while pending separation. Punishment: restriction for 60 days.

## TMO TIPS

The following are tips from the Traffic Management Office.

For more information, contact the local Traffic Management Office or Gunnery Sgt. Quirindongo at 645-0966.

• Since Oct. 1, 1996, TMO on Okinawa has been processing the voluntary do-it-yourself moves for movement of personal property within the continental United States. The staff at TMO can provide you with all the paperwork and counseling needed to make a DITY move. The need for this service is usually for those Marines who are returning from an unaccompanied tour and whose family members are not located in close proximity of a military installation or their new duty assignment.

• Upon assignment to government quarters, Marines need to proceed with the AF Form 150, received from the housing office, to one of the TMO offices to process all required documentaion for Marine families. Remember, if the active-duty member or property is not available, you must provide TMO with a power-of-attorney or other written authorizaion from the owner or housing office.



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## Students learn CAB vehicles

Corporal Jesus Lira, crew chief, Amphibious Assault Vehicle Company, Unit Deployment Program, Twentynine Palms, Calif., answers questions from students participating in the Fukuoka Prefectural Ogori/Mii Ship of Boys and Girls Cultural Exchange Program. The group recently visited Camp Schwab as part of the Motobu Junior Chamber's Juvenile Cultivating Projects where they received a partial lesson in Marine Corps motivation. The crews of two Combat Assault Battalion vehicles showed the kids and teachers a Light Armored Vehicle and an Amphibious Assault Vehicle and talked about its characteristics. Following the crews' brief description, the kids were given a chance to ask questions.

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### III MEF/JGSDF concert

The III Marine Expeditionary Band and the 1st Combined Brigade Band of the Japanese Ground Self Defense Force will hold their 6th annual "Friendship Through Music" Concert 7 p.m. Sept. 1 at the Okinawa Civic Hall in Okinawa City outside of Kadena Gate 2.

The concert is free and open to the public. For more information, call 645-3919.

### International Women's Club

The Okinawa International Women's Club will host a Welcome Coffee Aug. 27 at the Butler Officers' Club.

The purpose of the club is to have cultural exchanges at monthly luncheons on the first Monday of the month and alternately hosted by the foreign women of the club.

For further information, contact Eve Raftery at 637-3214 or e-mail [mimier96375@yahoo.com](mailto:mimier96375@yahoo.com).

### Fund-raiser at Fieldhouse

A charity fund-raiser will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 15-16 at the Foster Fieldhouse

Over 30 vendors will be on hand to offer goods such as furniture and jewelry. Food and drinks will also be available.

All proceeds will benefit Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Base, the Camps Lester and Foster Association and the United Service Organization.

For more information, call Master Sgt. John T. Nichols at 645-3821 or Gunnery Sgt. Ellen P. Elkins at 645-3813.

### Tuition assistance

The Navy/Marine Corps Relief Society will open

registration for the Spouse Tuition Aid Program for Term II.

Applications can only be picked up from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 10-14 at the Camp Foster NMCRS office in Building 5674.

STAP is a need-based grant program open to all Navy and Marine Corps spouses who will be attending undergraduate or graduate school on Okinawa.

Please call 645-7808 for more information.

### Commander's Access Channel

The below listed programs will be broadcast on Channel 7 each day from Aug. 25-31 at the times listed. Run times are listed in italics.

**5 a.m.:** III Marine Expeditionary Force change of command *53:16*

**8 a.m.:** "Your Corps" *28:00*

**8:30 a.m.:** "Navy/Marine Corps News" *28:00*

**Noon:** III MEF change of command *53:16*

**12:55 p.m.:** Re-enlistment at Iwo Jima *9:50*

**1:05 p.m.:** Presidential visit *16:03*

**1:20 p.m.:** Palms Club, Summer Hire *1:34, 1:42*

**5 p.m.:** Re-enlistment at Iwo Jima *9:50*

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# Marines help each other in all climes



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The Marine stumbled, fell, and hit the ground hard. He lay in a crumpled heap, unmoving, and I felt my gut clench.

We can't afford a single casualty in the fight we're fighting, and I had just watched one of our Marines get taken out.

Other Marines rushed by. I advanced toward the fallen Marine and was surprised to see that he was now moving. As I drew closer he struggled painfully to his feet, sagged against a wall and somehow managed to hold himself up.

"Hey, Marine," I asked, "are you OK?"

He squinted up at me, brow furrowed as he tried to focus his blurred vision, and said, "yah." He stank of alcohol and vomit. Stabbing a finger toward the ATM, he waved wildly at a taxi waiting curbside. "I jush need shome money to pay the honcho," he slurred.

It was Friday, the 20th of July, and I was standing outside the Globe and Anchor Enlisted

Club. I had been on the way to the gym and offered a ride to some Marines walking to the club.

More Marines hurried by.

I stopped them, gave them my business card and twenty bucks and told them to get this Marine home now, and make sure he was cleaned up and taken care of.

Their evening had been cut suddenly short, but they didn't hesitate. Once told to take care of one of their own, they did so efficiently and unflinchingly.

But they had to be told before they acted.

I'm not sure why. Perhaps they simply weren't aware that Marines here on Okinawa are engaged in the fight of our lives.

"In the battle against public perception, the Marine allowed to drink himself into a gutter is just as much a casualty as the Marine who gets shot while on patrol."

- Maj. Jeffrey L. Blau

role in this fight — we are the only source of ammunition the enemy has. The key to Marine victory is maintaining our myth-like reputation as warriors without equal.

By living up to the standards set by 226 years of Marines before us, we refuse the enemy's

The enemy is public perception, and it's one of the most challenging and dangerous adversaries our Corps has ever faced. It's an enemy that cannot be seen, and it is an enemy that is always there, watching, waiting, ready to strike if we let our guard down.

Each of us has a unique

assault, deny the enemy's advance, and strip the enemy of his weapons. But if public perception turns against us, the Marine Corps will be forced to leave Okinawa.

III Marine Expeditionary Force is here to keep the peace and maintain security throughout the Asia Pacific Region. This means being ready to face and overcome any challenge, any time, from any direction. Because the world knows we are ready for trouble, very little trouble comes our way.

But if we are sent away from Okinawa, it will take us a whole lot longer to respond to trouble in the region.

This means when we get called — and we will get called — we will be coming ashore against unknown enemies who have had plenty of time to prepare for our arrival.

In the battle against public perception, the Marine allowed to drink himself into a gutter is just as much a casualty as the Marine who gets shot while on patrol. Too much alcohol in the wrong Marine at the wrong place and time could provide the enemy with just the weapon he needs to defeat us.

Marines don't leave Marines behind on the battlefield. This is true when the battle is fought with bullets. It should be just as true in a battle waged with words. In the battle against public perception, the words of our reputation are the weapons we use.

Take care of each other, Marines. Don't let a Marine left behind be the thing that costs us the battle.

## What Would You Do?

The following examination of leadership issues is not intended to present right or wrong answers. The goal is to provide a forum to encourage leadership discussions of challenging issues. Chaplain responses are designed to provide moral and ethical guidance. Questions, comments or ideas for a future scenario may be submitted to: [editor@mcbbutler.usmc.mil](mailto:editor@mcbbutler.usmc.mil)

### A matter of honor

You are a male Marine out for the evening with a female Marine. Both of you have feelings for each other and have been considering a relationship with one another. During the evening, you begin drinking, and she ends up getting drunk. On the cab ride home she kisses you for the first time and asks if you would like to spend the night in her room because her roommate would be gone for the evening. You want to do the right thing and say "no," but your hormones are running wild. What do you do?

### What the Marines said

**Sergeant with 1st Marine Aircraft Wing:** As Marines, we know the policy on sexual harassment. I would make sure she got home safe and return to my own room.

**Lance corporal with 3rd Force Service Support Group:** I would do the right thing and spend the night in my room.

**Lance corporal with Marine Corps Base:** Even though we were dating, I don't have full consent to sleep with her. That's sexual harassment.

**Corporal with Marine Corps Base:** If both of us have feelings for one another and we are grown adults out drinking together, then I don't see any reason why I wouldn't spend the night with her. We're both consenting adults, and I don't see any problem being intimate with someone I care about. I'd only progress as far as my companion wanted.

### What the Chaplain said

**Chaplain:** The first three responses end up with the correct solution: the female should be sleeping alone that night. Both the sergeant and the lance corporal mention sexual harassment, a very real threat to a Marine's career. In view of this, it would be best to take her as far as the duty, and no further by yourself.

This scenario goes further than sexual harassment, however. I would call it sexual selfishness. The corporal expresses this the best when he says, "I don't see any problem being intimate with someone I care about." I think being "intimate" with someone who is drunk is an oxymoron, which means trying to put opposite things together.

Sexual intimacy involves the ultimate physical expression of love, commitment, caring and sharing our selves with another person who is fully capable of doing the same thing. Having sex with a drunk female is the ultimate expression of a male seeking to satisfy his own desire at the expense of another person, not an expression of a relationship.

Do Marine Corps values enter the bedroom? Absolutely! It takes courage to tell your "wild-running hormones," "Not like this." It takes honor to see the female Marine as more than just a body to do what you want with. And it takes commitment to develop the kind of relationship where true intimacy can take place.

- Navy Lt. j.g. Philip Bagrow, Chaplain, H&S Battalion, 3rd FSSG



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# LF CARAT Marines

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**WHITE BEACH** — The seventh annual Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) exercise returned home recently, ending the three-month deployment that saw Marines and Sailors participate in a series of bilateral training exercises between the United States and the six Southeast Asian countries of Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Singapore, the Philippines and Brunei.

CARAT 2001 demonstrated U.S. commitment in Southeast Asia while increasing operational readiness and capabilities of U.S. forces. This exercise also promoted cooperation with other countries, which is mutually beneficial and continues to build lasting working relationships, adding to the security and stability in the region. But most of all, it proved immensely beneficial by building friendships and understanding of each other's culture and capabilities.

More than 225 Marines and Sailors provided humanitarian assistance and disaster relief training during the Indonesian phase of CARAT. U.S. Marines also got an opportunity to learn about Indonesian culture.

"This exercise enhances our readiness for natural disasters and humanitarian assistance to this part of the world," said Cpl. Daryl A. Haberneck, 81 mm mortarman, Weapons Company, 3rd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment. "I also got a chance to experience the culture, eat a snake (which tastes like chicken, only much chewier) and work side-by-side with my Indonesian counterparts."

At Marine Base Ternate in the Philippines on June 7, Amphibious Assault Vehicles splashed ashore, unloading Philippine and U.S. Marines, during the early morning assault that culminated the joint training between the two Marine Corps during the Philippine phase of CARAT.

"This exercise enhances our readiness and allows us to experience our counterparts' capabilities," said Lance Cpl. Shane Gavin, rifleman, K Co., 3/7. "The marines of the Philippines are very professional and are extremely well trained in jungle fighting, and I learned a lot about how to fight in the jungle environment—it changed our thinking in jungle war fighting."

The Lewisville, Colo., native also said the training was something that he was looking forward to when he arrived in the Philippines.

"Any time we can enhance our skills through different experiences, we build upon how we conduct our battle skills," said the 22-year-old Centaurus High School graduate. "Since many of the Philippine marines that we worked with have actual combat experience, it was beneficial for our training evolution. I'm happy that we had a chance to train together."

The third phase of CARAT culminated with the amphibious assault on the beach at Hatyao, Thailand, on June 27. Uncommonly cool breezes blew across the beach as U.S. Marine Amphibious Assault Vehicles and Royal Thai marine V-150s pushed ashore through choppy waters, unloading Thai and U.S. Marines, during the early morning assault that completed the joint training between the two Marine Corps.

With the loud booming of simulated Naval gunfire coming from the Thai ship, HTMS Tarsing (FF 422) and two simulated strafing runs by a Thai A-7 Corsair, the combined amphibious landing was as realistic as simulated battle can get to lend authenticity to the event. The landing showed cooperation from all units participating with Thai and U.S. Marines merging together to form one unified "fighting" force.

For 20-year-old Pfc. Benjamin A. Trumbo, motor transport driver, 3rd Marine Division, the highlight of

the Thailand phase was his participation in the jungle survival training.

"We had classes on building traps, what to eat and how to cook the food," said the San Diego native. "We interacted with the Thai Marines during every event of the survival training. The practical application lasted four days, and we had to live off what we found or caught for food. I got an appreciation for being able to run to the store and grab a sandwich when I'm hungry."

During the fourth phase of CARAT, Marines and Sailors from the Ground Combat Element of CARAT 2001 packed up and headed west from Changi Naval Base in Singapore to the Fighting In Built Up Area Range for two days of Military Operations in Urban Terrain and Fortified Area Training July 6.

The training that the Marines of K Co., 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines received was beneficial according to one unit leader, Cpl. Harley L. Agnew, team leader. The 21-year-old from Bartlesville, Okla., said that the training he received at the ranges added and honed the skills of his Marines.

"By utilizing the ranges, we have had the opportunity to improve upon the skills we have in place from Twentynine Palms, only in a jungle environment," said Agnew. "One of the big differences is we have a lot more vegetation and cover and concealment in Singapore than we do in the desert. Hiding in the dense jungle is easier than finding a cactus to hide behind."

Movement through the 'village' from one structure to another at the MOUT facility provided the Marines an opportunity to showcase their building clearing abilities while also enabling them to train in a different type of environment.

Not only did the Marines train at the MOUT facility, they also got a chance to learn the pathways of the FAT facility. The FAT facility, a group of winding trenches resembling a maze, provided the Kilo Marines a unique occasion to train in trench warfare in a jungle environment. The objective for the Marines taking part in the training was to find the 'defenders' and neutralize their position for breaching the barrier.

"The training that we've received, as a whole, were scenarios that were developed for this region of the world," said Lance Cpl. Phil Bronson, a 21-year-old Seattle native. "This helps us better understand the region, the culture and the people to better react to a situation that could occur here. We are definitely better prepared to help defend this region of the world if ever called upon to do so, adding to regional stability—one of the objectives of CARAT."

The Singapore phase concluded July 13, with a simulated assault on the facility in Mandai. Approximately 35 U.S. Marines and Sailors, along with an equal force of 35 soldiers from the 7th Singapore Infantry Brigade, defended the 'city' as another overwhelming force of Marines and Singaporean soldiers attacked in the early morning hours blanketed by darkness.

The training in Singapore assisted the Marines by lending to the arsenal of capabilities and adding to the weapons and tactics knowledge of the junior Marines, according to Staff Sgt. James Jordan, platoon sergeant for Weapons Platoon, K Co., 3/7. "Our Marines only get better by experiencing new things," said Jordan, a 17-year Marine. "Experience is our best teacher and the experience they have received here will only add to their growth process. A smart Marine is a better Marine, and we get smarter by training harder."

Training harder was a task that the landing force

undertook as they engaged in the fifth phase of CARAT. Marines and Sailors got the opportunity to perform a varied task list while in Malaysia. The Landing Force was divided into two groups, one in Asahan and the other in Pulada; both groups received different types of training. In Pulada, an extensive jungle training package was provided. Meanwhile, in Asahan, the list included jungle tracking, 81mm mortar training, mechanized attacks, night patrolling, advanced marksmanship training and various live fire exercises.

The Malaysian phase concluded July 24 with a simulated assault to secure two objectives: first, a platoon in a defensive posture in the area of the beachhead at Jemaluang oriented south; second, to provide a counter-offensive oriented to the north/northeast located atop Hill 26. The latter was marked by large poles on a hillside bearing red flags, likening it to a game of capture the flag.

For the final scenario, created by the Malaysians, the fictitious countries of BlueLand and OrangeLand were in conflict. OrangeLand began the conflict with a military offensive to secure coastal routes to control the islands and the surrounding area. The sudden attack caught the BlueLand military by complete surprise and U.S. forces were called in to help restore BlueLand's sovereignty.

As both U.S. and Malaysian forces came together, a great appreciation and understanding of one another's operability and capability was forged. The scenario was created to be as realistic as possible for both forces to benefit and to generate an awareness of how to conduct an operation in this region of Southeast Asia.

"We have to be ready to respond to any situation in this region of the world," said Cpl. Michael Echevarria, machinegun team leader, K Co., 3/7, Twentynine Palms, Calif. "CARAT exercises benefit both us and our host nations because it allows us to work closely together, getting to know how we each conduct business and creates understanding and friendships."

The sixth and final phase of CARAT saw, for the first time, U.S. Marines and Brunei land forces training together. The phase concluded with Marines and the 3rd Battalion Brunei Land Force combining units and running through jungle movement and maneuver courses to build an understanding of one another's capabilities and a bond of friendship.

Marines and Sailors got the opportunity to cross-train in the first primary jungle during the CARAT exercise and run through three of the Brunei forces' courses in their jungle training area. Although the courses that both forces ran through were initially planned to be a live-fire exercise, the rugged terrain and previous day's heavy rain forced a restructuring of the courses with blank training rounds.

As both U.S. and Brunei forces came together for the first time, a great appreciation and understanding of one another's operability and capability was forged. The Brunei forces hosted the Marines during an interaction opportunity the day before the exercise began.

The training that took place in every country and during every phase, was as realistic as possible to the region for both forces to benefit and to generate an awareness of how to conduct an operation in this area of Southeast Asia.



# s return



A fire team of U.S. Marines from the Ground Combat Element of Landing Force Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training safely rush forward while doing squad rushes at Marine Corps Basic School Ternate, Philippines June 2. Photo by Lance Cpl. Eugene E. Clarke.



A Malaysian soldier shows Lance Cpl. Michael E. McCartney, rifleman with Ground Combat Element of LF CARAT, how to use a Malaysian rifle, while Marines and Malaysian soldiers conducted a live fire exercise at Asahan, Malaysia July 17.



Lance Cpl. Conor Mahoney receives snake handling training from Royal Thai Marines as a part of the seventh annual Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) 2001 Exercise.





A needle is used to insert the AVID Friendchip, which is about the size of a grain of rice, under the skin of pets.

# Marked for life

Linda Davis and Heather O'Brien, veterinarian technicians, Kadena Veterinary Clinic, Kadena Air Base, work together to anesthetize a dog before implanting a pet microchip.

## Microchip helps track lost pets

*Story and photos by Lance Cpl. Kenneth L. Hinson*

**KADENA AIR BASE** — Euthanasia claims the lives of almost 20 million stray pets worldwide each year, but with the aid of modern technology, this number is reducing.

To help reduce euthanasia in Okinawa, Kadena Veterinary Clinic and Karing Kennels provide service members and families permanent identification for their pets with a device called the American Veterinarian Identification Devices Friendchip.

The AVID Friendchip is a tiny computer microchip that veterinarian technicians inject under the skin of pets. The microchip, which is the size of a grain of rice, has an identification number, along with details about the animal's age, breed and sex. The microchip also lists the owner's name, address and telephone number. Each identification number is unique to ensure no two pets end up with the same number.

"The AVID microchip offers permanent identification that cannot be lost,

altered or intentionally removed," said Army Maj. Bess P. Brosey, veterinary chief, Okinawan Branch Veterinary Services, Kadena Veterinary Clinic, Kadena Air Base. "We are very excited about the microchip. Any chance we have to get a pet back to its family is one less pet that we don't have to euthanize or find a new home for."

Veterinarians use a hypodermic needle to inject the microchip into the shoulder area of the animal. The process takes less than a minute and is similar to annual vaccination booster shots.

Once injected under the skin, the microchip becomes surrounded by a thin layer of protein, which keeps it in place throughout the pet's life. It does not move, and there is no power supply or moving parts.

To read the microchip, veterinarians use an AVID Microchip reader or "scanner," which generates a low energy signal when passed over the microchip. The signal activates the microchip, causing it to transmit its identification number and display it on the scanner's liquid crystal display screen.



Veterinarians use a scanner to locate the AVID Friendchip and identify the owners of the animal.

"Dog tags and collars are not always reliable because they can get lost or broken," Brosey said. "The microchip makes identifying lost or stray pets easier than posting signs all over town. I recommend that anyone who cares about their pet to have this simple process done."

Any animal, regardless of age, can be injected with the microchip, and the process is painless. The microchip is also biocompatible, which means there is no chance of the animal's body developing an allergy from the microchip.

"Here at Karing Kennels, we have the injection done for every pet that is adopted out," said Melissa Cook, animal health care manager, Karing Kennels, Kadena Air Base. "I want pet owners to have the assurance that there will be a good chance to find their pet if it ever gets lost."

When a veterinarian or animal shelter identifies a pet, they contact the AVID company to see if the pet is registered on AVID's database. If the pet is not registered, AVID will give the name of the veterinarian who injected the microchip.

It only takes a minute for a pet to wander off and end up missing on Okinawa, but with the aid of the AVID Friendchip, there is always a good chance that the pet can be returned home.

"The AVID Friendchip is the identification method of choice," Brosey concluded. "Use of the microchip is highly recommended because it's a small price to pay for the joy of having your pet returned to you."

For more information about the AVID Microchip, contact the Kadena Veterinary Clinic at 634-1362.





Instructors use individual effort to teach music ability to students at AAFES Music School.

# Music school teaches how to achieve harmony

STORY AND PHOTOS BY LANCE CPL. KENNETH L. HINSON  
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

**CAMP FOSTER** — For centuries, people of all race, gender and age have strived to develop their musical talent. Before developing musical talents, however, beginners go through the process of learning the craft.

To accomplish this on Okinawa, the military community has only one place to go - the Army and Air Force Exchange Service Music School.

For more than 30 years, AAFES Music School has served the military community on Okinawa by offering lessons in musical instruction and theory. The school remains the only music school in the world owned and operated by AAFES.

The school's director and founder, Bien S. P. Panganiban, opened the school outside Camp Kinser's gates in 1963 to Department of Defense personnel and their families. He hoped the school would allow the military community opportunity to incorporate music into their lives.

"When I came to Okinawa in 1960, there were no music schools available for the military community because of the lack of spoken English," Panganiban said. "I felt they needed music because it's such an important part of life. It affects the way you feel, think and react. It's just another outlet for you to express yourself."

Because Panganiban spoke English, his wife and friends suggested opening a music school in town. The only problem was finding enough professional instructors who also spoke English. Panganiban scouted local colleges for music majors, and within a few weeks, he had hired enough instructors to start teaching.

"I hired a small staff of instructors, made some phone calls and placed a few advertisements around the military bases," Panganiban said. "To my sur-

prise, it was a success because students enrolled the first week I opened."

After noticing the music school's success, AAFES offered Panganiban a contract to open a school on base in 1968. Panganiban agreed to the contract and started the first AAFES Music School on Camp Kinser.

Panganiban has since then moved the school to Camp Lester, and to its current location at Camp Foster in May 2001. This last move increased the number of service members and families who receive instruction at the school because of its central location.

"I knew moving to Camp Foster would be a perfect opportunity to reach more service members and families," Panganiban said. "We are now up to 180 students per week, and that number continues to grow each month."

The school's staff instructs students in voice and instruments such as piano, guitar, drums, saxophone and clarinet. The school also offers music technique and interpretation to students interested in learning music theory.

"Our philosophy is we have something to offer everyone who wants music in their life," said Choi Bok Kyong, teacher and instructor, AAFES Music School. "It doesn't matter if you're a beginner or an advanced musician. We can teach you."

The staff's teaching style helps focus on each individual person because no one has the same level of talent. This helps both the student and instructor develop a personal relationship with one another.

"My instructor is the best because she puts so much effort into helping me when I struggle with playing the correct notes and chords," said Joleen Ann Lwaniec, 14, piano student, AAFES Music School. "When I leave each week, I feel so improved that I look forward to coming back again."

Lwaniec agrees that music is a way to relax, or show off talent. Whatever people use music for, music plays



Choi Bok Kyong, instructor, points out a note to Joleen Ann Lwaniec, student, during her period of instruction Aug. 8 at AAFES Music School.

an important role in today's society, including the military community.

"Just because service members live in Okinawa, doesn't mean they can't enjoy music," Panganiban concluded. "While they're serving their country, they can also unleash the world of music."

For more information, or to sign up for musical instruction, contact AAFES Music School on Camp Foster at 645-8432.





CPL. SCOTT CARLSON

A Marine from the Light Armored Vehicle Reconnaissance Company, Combat Assault Battalion, gives a Kin Town resident a tour through his vehicle during the festival.

# Festival fosters understanding

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**CAMP HANSEN** — The close relationship between Okinawans and Marines has spanned decades.

To promote and progress this relationship, Marine Corps Community Services sponsored the 10th annual Camp Hansen Friendship Festival and opened the base's gates to the local community Aug. 18-19.

"The main focus of the Friendship Festival is to create an environment where the local Japanese and military communities can come together and enjoy activities together," said Gunnery Sgt. Kevin Basso, logistics chief, Camp Services, Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group, III MEF. "By us opening our gates to our members of our community, we also extend a hand in friendship."

The Friendship Festival featured local and MCCA food vendors, live entertainment, military static displays and a play land for the children.

According to Reggie Coy, MCCA special events coordinator for the northern camps, the Okinawans like to get an idea

of what the Marines do here and to see what the Marines and MCCA have to offer, to include the static displays from groups like the fire department and the military police.

The static displays of equipment and vehicles from Camp Hansen-based units included 9th Engineer Support Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, 3rd Med Battalion, the Provost Marshals Office and the Fire Department. Combat Assault Battalion from Camp Schwab also displayed some equipment at the festival.

"I think that the static display items are the most well received part of the festival for the local community," Basso said. "They seem to enjoy looking at the military equipment as well as the fire and police equipment provided. For the Marines and Sailors, I think the entertainment as well as the local cuisine offered by the vendors was well received. Combined, I believe the opportunity for the local military and Japanese communities to come together and enjoy the same interests speaks volumes for the effort being made to improve relations."

Various musical performers and disc jockeys provided the entertainment for

the festival and featured the California Girls, a band from the United States, and Hyperbeat from the Philippines. Coysaid the crowds seemed to gather more around the stage when those two bands were performing.

The Marines who attended the festival each had their favorite part whether it was the food or the entertainment; most agreed it was a good way to get out of the barracks for a good time.

Pfc. Gonzalo Villarreal, a heavy equipment mechanic with Support Co., 9th ESB, said the interaction between the local people was the best part for him.

"They are not the bad people like some say they are," he added. "I think they (MCCA) should do this type of thing more often to bring this kind of interaction to the base. It gives the Marines a chance to get out of the barracks and enjoy the local culture and its people."

"I liked being able to try the different foods," said Pfc. Marques Jackson, heavy equipment mechanic, Support Co., 9th ESB. "It gives the Marines a chance to relax, get out of the barracks and enjoy themselves and interact with the people."

Coy, who has been part of the coordi-

nation team for the past two years, said a steady flow of people were coming in and out on both days and calculated that more than 15,000 people attended this year's festival. "With the weather like it was, we didn't anticipate a great turnout, but the people came and saw what was here despite the weather," he said.

With the expected attendees on Camp Hansen gathering together in a relatively small area, the coordinators had to keep safety and crowd control in mind. Even with more than 15,000 visitors, the festival went without problems and included help from the local mayor's.

"This year the Kin Town Mayor's Office provided additional security personnel for the event, which in my eyes shows a concern on their part to help us avoid and eliminate problems," Basso said. "With both communities working together in this fashion, we are certain to have improved relations and a warm heart for each other."

"The intent of this event is to embrace fellow members of our community, and I believe it was successful," Basso said.



# SLAM DUNK

## Win makes it three in a row for Downtown

STORY AND PHOTOS BY LANCE CPL. KENNETH L. HINSON  
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**CAMP KINSER** — Pride filled the air and egos soared as Downtown took home bragging rights by winning the 2001 Camp Kinser Open Basketball Tournament at Kinser Sports Complex Aug. 19.

The two-day tournament turned into a fight to the finish for 10 military teams from the Marine Corps and the Navy. In the end, Downtown, comprised of Marines from several units on island, and 3rd Dental Battalion were left duking it out in the final game to decide who would go home as champs.

Dental had edged its way into the final game by staying undefeated throughout the tournament. Downtown suffered a defeat late in the tournament, but battled its way back to win the loser's bracket.

Downtown pushed spectators to the edge of their seats by attacking the boards early. Jumping out to a 10-2 lead in the first five minutes of play, Downtown was out to prove it wanted the title. All Dental could do was try and keep up with the fast-paced playing style of the Downtown players.

With the score 14-10 midway through the first half, Downtown guard, Orvin L. Wooten, sunk back-to-back three pointers to give Downtown a 10-point advantage, which was its biggest lead in the first half.

Dental continued to struggle with scoring due to turnovers and heavy Downtown defense.

With two minutes left in the half, Dental rallied and managed to pull within three points with the aid of its center, Ron J. Angeving, who kept the team alive with continual scoring in the paint.

At the half, Downtown was on top 22-19, but the battle was far from over.

Dental came out in the second half with new life, but it was short lived, when Downtown turned a series of Dental turnovers into valuable points.

As Downtown continued to push the ball down the court, the Dental defense gave all their effort to stop Downtown from scoring, but they came up empty. Downtown center, Taurice D. McMillian, displayed his scoring ability by sinking 12 points in the second half. This type of effort was all it took for Downtown to finish the game and come out on top.

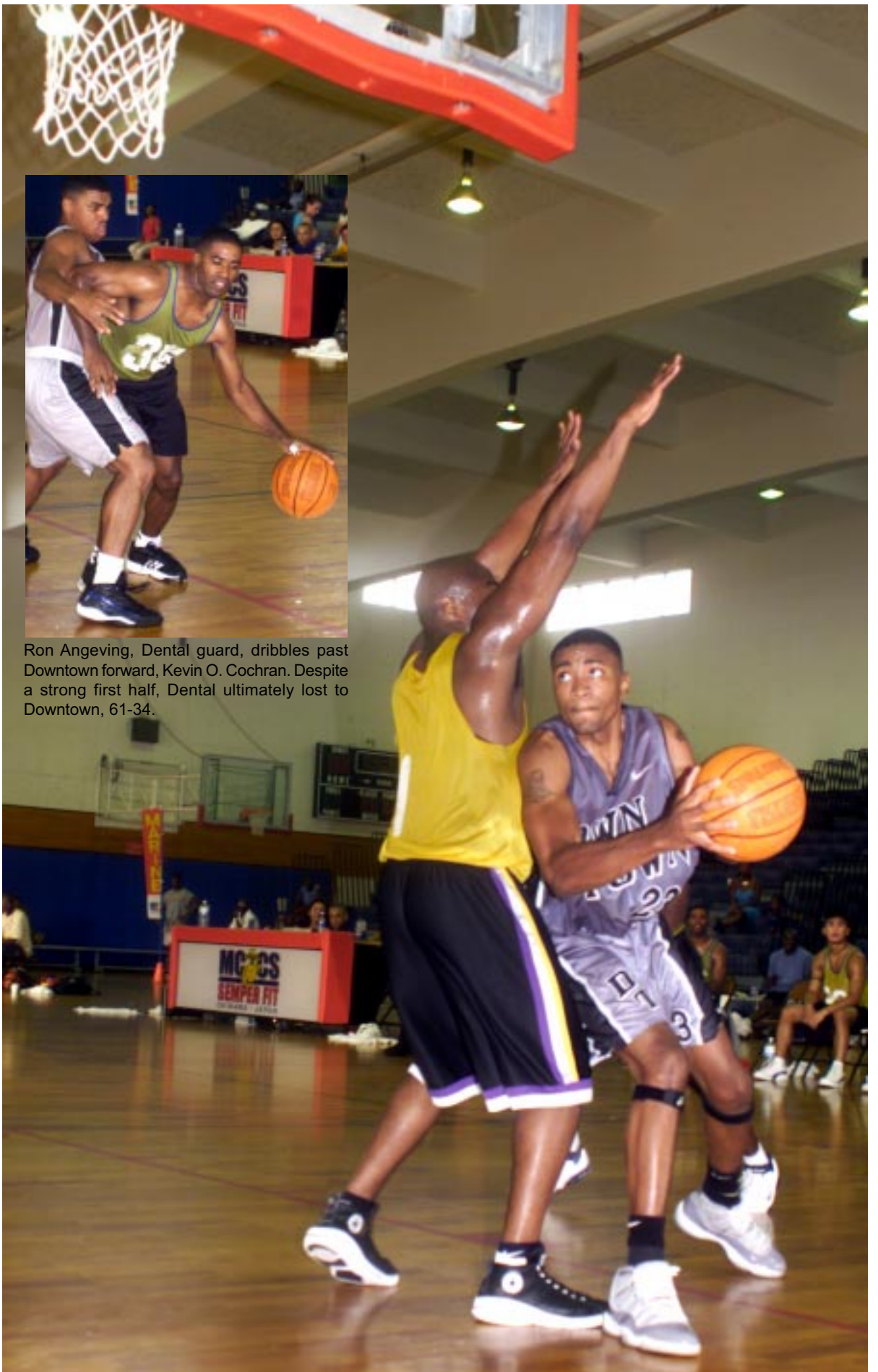
Minutes away from the end of the game, with the score 57-30, Dental gave its final effort with continuous three-point attempts to try and close the lead. Unfortunately, Dental did not have enough time or energy to catch up.

To finish the game, Downtown slowed the pace down and ran time off the clock. Downtown finished on top 61-34.

"We knew what had to be done for us to leave here the champions," McMillian said. "Our team prepared both mentally and physically for the tournament by practicing hard and staying focused on what our goals were. This title proves it."

The tournament was part of a series of tournaments held each year to get service members from the island involved in sports and competition.

According to Rob Evans, sports director, Marine Corps Community Services, Camp Kinser, he



Ron Angeving, Dental guard, dribbles past Downtown forward, Kevin O. Cochran. Despite a strong first half, Dental ultimately lost to Downtown, 61-34.

Travis J. Capp, Downtown center, forces his way to the basket during the 2001 Camp Kinser Open Basketball Tournament at Kinser Sports Complex Aug. 19.

feels the tournaments help morale and welfare of service members.

"These basketball tournaments are great for service members because it gives them the opportunity to get involved with fellow service members," Evans said. "It's good to see service members come together to accomplish the same goal. It proves to them that teamwork can go a long way."

Downtown has won the tournament the last three years and hopes to return next year and defend its hard-earned title.

"We'll be back next year with hopes of winning again," said Kevin D. Spivey, forward, Downtown. "Our teamwork and dedication will keep us on top because we love being called the 'Top Dogs.'"



# Skateboarding takes Okinawa by storm

## Skate park rules

1. You must be at least 10 years old or accompanied by a parent or legal guardian to use the park.
2. Only skateboards, in-line skates and BMX bicycles are allowed in the park. (All bicycle pegs must have a cap on the end.)
3. Protective equipment is required at all times, to include a helmet, knee pads, elbow pads, and wrist guards. BMX bikers are not required to wear wrist guards.
4. No additional ramps, grind rails or skating accessories are allowed in the park at any time.
5. Shoes must be worn at all times.
6. No food, beverages or spectators are allowed inside the park at any time.
7. In case of emergency, call 911.

*Story and photo by Lance  
Cpl. Kenneth L. Hinson*

**CAMP FOSTER** — Throughout the years, many reporters, newspapers and magazines have referred to skateboarding as a sport that is "in a league of its own." This broad statement is a reflection of the increasing popularity of the sport, especially for service members and their families in Okinawa.

Although stationed away from friends and family, service members can continue to enjoy their love for the sport of skateboarding. But to enjoy the sport, service members must have a place to skate.

On Okinawa, where skateboarding areas are limited and dangerous because of heavy traffic and crowded sidewalks, service members and families can enjoy the sport at the skate parks located on Marine Corps bases.

Equipped with state of the art ramps, rails and half pipes, the skate parks offer service members and their families a place to take full advantage of their recreational and professional skills.

"It's awesome to know that I don't have to go off base to skate as I have in the past," said Edwin Santiago, 16, student, Kubasaki High School. "There's just no place on base that I'd rather be than right here with my board performing the tricks I love. Thanks to the aid of the military, I can do that."

Marine Corps Community Services designs, builds and sponsors the skate parks located on Marine Corps bases. Marine Corps Community Services consultant Gary Moore says MCCS felt the need to build the parks after observing the amount of children and service members who skated out in town.

"There was no doubt that we needed the parks for service members and their families," Moore said. "It was just a matter of setting aside funds and hiring qualified contractors for the job."

Wasting no time, Moore began

immediate preparation for the U.S. military's first skate park on Okinawa. The building process took almost 30 days to complete, and the popularity of the park was more than enough encouragement for Moore to begin planning and building other parks.

With parks located at Camps Kinser, Foster and Courtney, skateboarding has become so popular for service members and their families that there is talk of building a fourth park on Camp Hansen.

"I feel the more we skate, the more people will catch on and want to be a part of the sport," Santiago said. "You can express so much when you skate. It's almost like you exist in your own world."

## Helmet recall announced

WASHINGTON, D.C. — In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, World Industries Inc., of Huntington Beach, Calif., is voluntarily recalling 10,000 skateboard helmets. These helmets failed impact testing required under CPSC's Safety Standard for Bicycle Helmets.

Riders wearing these helmets are not adequately protected from falls and could suffer head injuries or death.

CPSC and World Industries have not received any reports of injuries.

This recall is being conducted to prevent the possibility of injuries.

The recalled helmets come in black, blue and white and have the name "World Industries" printed on the chin strap, the back of the helmet, and the inside padding. On the sides of the helmet, yellow and blue cartoon characters can be seen shooting fire from a gun. Two labels inside of the helmet read in part, "Certified CPSC 16CFR1203," "Warning This Helmet Is Not For Motor Vehicles" and "Made in China."

Retail outlets, chains and catalogs nationwide sold the helmets from October 2000 through May 2001 for about \$40.

Consumers should stop using these helmets immediately and return them to the stores where purchased for a full refund.

Consumers can also call World Industries toll-free at (888) 338-4562 between 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Pacific Time Monday through Friday.

The skate parks not only give skaters a chance to practice their sport, but it also adds to the quality of life for service members and families on base.

"Quality of life is an important issue to our service members and especially their families," Moore said. "Families travel with service members, and they need support as well. That's why we do everything we can to make their tour in Okinawa a home away from home."

Moore ended by saying he hopes the skate parks continue to provide service members and their families a place to express their talent and love for the sport of skateboarding while in Okinawa.





## AUTOMOBILES/MOTORCYCLES

**51990 Nissan Pressea** — JCI Nov. 01, \$600 OBO. 646-2503.  
**1990 Nissan Sylvia** — JCI July 03, \$2,000. 646-3548.  
**1991 Nissan Bluebird** — JCI July 02, \$2,475 OBO. 646-6950 or 643-7600.  
**1988 Toyota Lite Ace** — JCI Nov. 02, \$2,000 OBO. 622-8424.  
**2000 Harley Davidson Road King** — \$18,000. 622-8102.  
**1990 Nissan Largo** — JCI April 03, \$1,500 OBO. 622-5136.  
**1998 YZ125** — \$3,000. **1998 YZ80** — \$1,800. 646-4291.  
**1991 Eunos Presso** — JCI Nov. 01, \$2,400. 636-4438.  
**1994 Toyota ED** — \$4,300. 646-6752.  
**1989 Toyota Exiv** — JCI Oct. 02, \$1,600. 645-2918/17 daytime or 646-5445 or 636-4811 nighttime.  
**1991 Nissan Presen** — JCI March 02, \$700 OBO. 623-6068.  
**1988 Nissan Skyline** — JCI July 01, free. 636-5145.  
**1990 Nissan Skyline** — JCI expired, free. **646-4355**.  
**1995 Harley Super Glide** — \$11,000. 090-3792-7660.  
**1992 Honda Civic** — JCI Feb. 02, \$3,000 OBO. 090-1943-2797.  
**1991 Nissan Skyline** — JCI Aug. 03, \$2,800 OBO. **1992 Honda Civic** — \$3,000 OBO. 646-6097.  
**1993 Honda Accord** — JCI April 02, \$4,800 OBO. 646-2892.  
**1988 Nissan Cifero** — JCI Dec. 01, \$1,200 OBO. **1989 Nissan Pulsar** — JCI Jan. 03, \$1,300 OBO. 646-5545.  
**1991 Toyota Camry** — JCI March 02, \$3,000. 090-2584-4698.  
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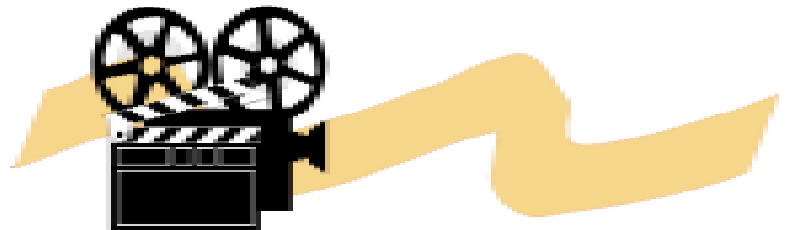


## MISCELLANEOUS

**Digital camera** — Kodak DC 3200, 2X zoom, carrying case, \$150. 623-6813 or 622-9401.  
**Electric Pressure Washer** — 1400 psi adjustable sprayer, \$250. 646-4291.  
**Baby jogger** — With 20-inch wheels, new seat, sun canopy, \$215 OBO. 637-3197.  
**Misc.** — Bedroom set with double mirror with bookshelves, dresser, chest, nightstand, bookshelf, mirror headboard, \$350; queen-size bed with mattress, boxspring, frame, \$200. 646-6967.  
**Misc.** — 70-watt Pioneer black speakers, \$25; daybed comforter, \$25; black velvet gown, \$15; JC Penney forest green drapes and valence, \$55. 622-8412.  
**Misc.** — 12-piece brown and beige rattan furniture set, one dining table, four fully-padded chairs with Persian velvets, one couch, two end table with smoke glass, one rocking chair, two wall end corners with four shelves, all for \$700; brown and white carpet with pad, \$100. 645-0374 or 646-5445.  
**Misc.** — Satellite dish and tuner, \$250; 18-speed mountain bike, \$30. 646-8980.  
**Misc.** — Satellite with tuner box, \$130 OBO; free 8-month-old Oki-mix cat male cat, all white with butterfly shape on head, all shots current. 646-4355 or e-mail [wavepena@hotmail.com](mailto:wavepena@hotmail.com).  
**Cameras** — Sony Mavica MVC-FD91 digital camera, \$500; Samsung 8 mm camcorder, \$150. 645-3677 or 622-8723.

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**Schwab (625-2333)**  
**Fri** Pearl Harbor (PG13); 7:00  
**Sat** Moulin Rouge (PG13); 6:00  
**Sat** The Mummy Returns (PG13); 9:00  
**Sat** Cats & Dogs (PG); 12:00  
**Sun** Moulin Rouge (PG13); 3:00  
**Sun** The Mummy Returns (PG13); 6:00  
**Mon** American Pie 2 (R); 7:00  
**Tue** American Pie 2 (R); 7:00  
**Wed** Closed  
**Thu** Bridget Jones's Diary (R); 7:00

**Hansen (623-4564)**  
**Fri** Planet of the Apes (PG13); 6:00, 9:00  
**Sat** Planet of the Apes (PG13); 6:00, 9:00  
**Sat** The Score (R); 11:00  
**Sun** The Animal (PG13); 2:00, 5:30  
**Mon** Bridget Jones's Diary (R); 7:00  
**Tue** The Forsaken (R); 7:00  
**Wed** Evolution (PG13); 7:00  
**Thu** Evolution (PG13); 7:00

**Courtney (622-9616)**  
**Fri** American Pie 2 (R); 7:00  
**Sat** Pearl Harbor (PG13); 7:00  
**Sun** The Mummy Returns (PG13); 7:00

**Mon** Closed  
**Tue** Closed  
**Wed** Moulin Rouge (PG13); 7:00  
**Thu** Closed

**Keystone (634-1869)**  
**Fri** Jurassic Park III (PG13); 6:30  
**Fri** American Pie 2 (R); 9:30  
**Sat** The Animal (PG13); 1:00  
**Sat** American Pie 2 (R); 5:30  
**Sat** Bridget Jones's Diary (R); 8:30  
**Sun** The Animal (PG13); 2:00  
**Sun** Evolution (PG13); 5:30  
**Sun** Bridget Jones's Diary (R); 8:30

**Mon** Bridget Jones's Diary (R); 7:00  
**Tue** Evolution (PG13); 7:00  
**Wed** Evolution (PG13); 7:00  
**Thu** The Animal (PG13); 7:00

**Butler (645-3465)**  
**Fri** Rush Hour 2 (PG13); 7:00  
**Fri** Bridget Jones's Diary (R); 10:00  
**Sat** Rush Hour 2 (PG13); 1:00, 4:00, 7:00  
**Sat** Evolution (PG13); 10:00  
**Sun** Rush Hour 2 (PG13); 1:00, 4:00

**Sun** Evolution (PG13); 7:00  
**Mon** Closed  
**Tue** Closed  
**Wed** Closed  
**Thu** Closed

**Futenma (636-3890)**  
**Fri** What's the Worst That Could Happen? (PG13); 7:30  
**Sat** Pearl Harbor (PG13); 6:00  
**Sat** A.I.: Artificial Intelligence (PG13); 11:00  
**Sun** The Mummy Returns (PG13); 6:00  
**Mon** Planet of the Apes (PG13); 7:30  
**Tue** Closed  
**Wed** Rush Hour 2 (PG13); 7:30  
**Thu** Closed

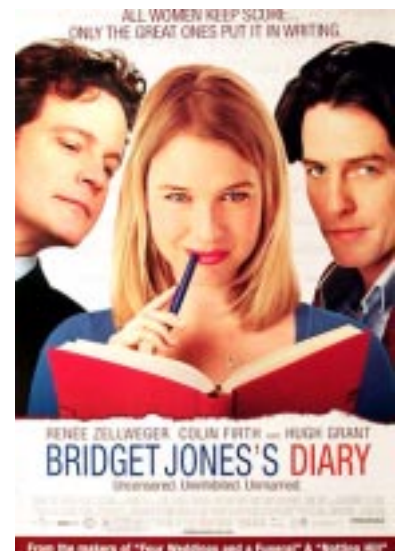
**Kinser (637-2177)**  
**Fri** Pearl Harbor (PG13); 7:00  
**Sat** Bridget Jones's Diary (R); 3:00  
**Sat** The Animal (PG13); 7:00, 11:30  
**Sun** Evolution (PG13); 7:00  
**Mon** Closed  
**Tue** Bridget Jones's Diary (R); 7:00  
**Wed** American Pie 2 (R); 7:00  
**Thu** Evolution (PG13); 7:00



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